

FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Mr Steven Watson	Yes	Yes	No	Paragraph	2.123 and 2.124				

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
<p>It is clear from paragraph 6.2.8 of the Sustainability Appraisal Report (<a href="https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/sustainability_appraisal_report/Sustainability%20Appraisal%20Report.pdf">https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/sustainability_appraisal_report/Sustainability%20Appraisal%20Report.pdf</a>) that the two sites in Thrussington, HA67 and HA68, were added to the draft local plan at a late stage in the allocation process. These sites were only made eligible through a relaxation in the sustainability criteria for a regular bus service (there is no such service), access to healthcare and access to secondary schooling. Table 6.9 on page 61 of the Sustainability Appraisal report marks each of these criteria as seriously negative (red-rated) for the two Thrussington sites.</p> <p>Sustainability is a key factor in site selection throughout the mostly excellent Charnwood draft local plan, but the imposition of 90 new houses in Thrussington, an increase of nearly 40% on the current number, outside the current limits to settlement, will have a number of negative impacts. For example:</p> <p>1. The already significant traffic problems in the village will be increased, with up to 180 new cars introduced into the village, with most HA67 traffic needing to pass by the village primary school to leave the village heading for Leicester or the A46 and with HA68 traffic using the single-track Old Gate Road to approach the very difficult junction with Seagrave Road.</p> <p>2. The character and appearance of the village and surrounding countryside will be adversely affected, particularly by the HA68 development being so visible and necessarily out of character as the village is approached down the Seagrave Road from the A46.</p> <p>3. The impact on the environment will be considerable. I live next door to the historic field comprising site HA67. The ridges and furrows from medieval strip farms are still visible. The ancient hedge is home to a variety of wildlife. A barn owl nests in a tree bordering the field. He hawks across the field for food, as do the swallows nesting in the eaves of my house. The development will certainly have an impact on the barn owls and the swallows who already suffer from a lack of suitable habitats.</p> <p>4. The Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan covering the period from 2018 to 2028 (<a href="https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/thrussington_neighbourhood_plan">https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/thrussington_neighbourhood_plan</a>) adopted by Charnwood, recognises these issues and others and reinforces the existing settlement boundary. I feel that more strength needs to be given to this document which residents supported in a referendum in 2018.</p> <p>I will not request attendance at the hearing sessions as I'm aware that Thrussington Parish Council is also requesting attendance and will be able to present my views.</p>		No	